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(U) Colton – Human Trafficking Victims Rescued in San Bernardino County

(U) One person was arrested and four victims rescued in a suspected human trafficking operation in San Bernardino County. Investigators from the San Bernardino County Human Trafficking Task Force were able to track down an underage victim in Colton the morning of 22 April, according to a statement from the San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department. During that operation, three other adults were also found and identified to be human trafficking victims. The victims ranged in age from 17-22. Through the course of the investigation, 33-year-old Devon Stewart of Lakewood was identified as the suspected human trafficker of all four victims, officials said.

SOURCE: 27 April 2022, [Fox 11 Los Angeles](#)

(U) Santa Ana – Man Indicted for Supporting Foreign Terrorist Organization

(U) A federal grand jury yesterday returned a four-count indictment that charges an Irvine man with attempting to provide material support to two foreign terrorist organizations – Hay'at Tahrir al-Sham (HTS) and Hamas. Jason Fong, 26, allegedly attempted in the spring of 2020 to provide to HTS tactical, combat and weapons training material – as well as information regarding the making of chemical weapons and improvised explosive devices. The indictment further alleges that in May 2020, Fong attempted to fundraise for Hamas. The indictment further alleges that at the time he committed these offenses, Fong knew that each organization had been designated a foreign terrorist organization by the United States government.

SOURCE: 27 April 2022, [US DoJ](#)

(U) NATIONAL

(U) Florida – Man Sentenced for Role in International Gun Smuggling Ring

(U) Fort Lauderdale – A 27-year-old Boca Raton man this week was sentenced to nearly 17 years in prison after admitting he was part of an operation that smuggled as many as 100 guns into Canada in a two-year span. Mackenzie Delmas was arrested in February 2019, five months after the Canadian Border Service Agency located a cache of weapons hidden in a secret compartment inside a car that attempted to cross the border at Champlain, NY, according to court records. An investigation by federal agents led them to Delmas and more than a half-dozen other Palm Beach County residents who were part of the international gun smuggling ring. Delmas in May pleaded guilty to various charges, including smuggling goods from the United States, making false statements to a federal firearms dealer and being a felon in possession of a handgun.

SOURCE: 28 April 2022, [The Palm Beach Post](#)

(U) Florida – Premier of British Virgin Islands Arrested for Drug Smuggling

(U) Miami – British Virgin Islands Premier Andrew Alturo Fahie and the Caribbean territory's port director, Oleanvine Maynard, were arrested on drug trafficking and money laundering charges yesterday after they went to a Miami airport to check on a huge cash payment that was promised them by an undercover operative pretending to be a Mexican cartel member. The US undercover probe began last

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fall with a series of meetings between a confidential government informant posing as the Mexican drug smuggler and a group claiming to be Lebanese Hezbollah operatives with connections to the Caribbean territory's leaders, according to a criminal complaint and affidavit filed in the case. With their help, the US informant eventually met up with BVI's premier, Fahie, the port director, Maynard, and her son, Kadeem Maynard, to lure them into providing protection for purported Colombian cocaine shipments through the British Virgin Islands to Miami, US authorities say.

SOURCE: 28 April 2022, [The Miami Herald](#)

(U) INTERNATIONAL

(U) Canada – Guilty Plea for Man Who Traveled to Syria to Join ISIS

(U) Calgary – A Calgary man who traveled to Syria to join the Islamic State pleaded guilty yesterday to terrorism-related activities. Hussein Borhot, 36, pleaded guilty to one count of participating in terrorism group activity in 2014, and the commission of the offence of kidnapping for a terrorist group while in Syria. Canadian authorities arrested him in July 2020 after a seven-year investigation which also involved the FBI and US Department of Defense. An agreed statement of facts says Borhot traveled to Syria through Turkey to join the ISIS. He signed up as a fighter, received training and excelled as a sniper.

SOURCE: 28 April 2022, [Associated Press](#)

(U) Mexico – Cartel Remnants Charged in Murders of Journalists

(U) Tijuana – Mexico's undersecretary of security said yesterday that the same criminal cell, comprised of remnants of the Arellano-Félix Cartel, is responsible for the murders of Tijuana journalists Margarito Martínez Esquivel and Lourdes Maldonado. Ricardo Mejía Berdeja, the Undersecretary of Security, made the comments during a presentation at the president's daily morning news conference. "There is a link between the homicide of Lourdes Maldonado and that of Margarito Martínez with the same criminal group. It is a remnant of the Arellano Felix group, led by a man nicknamed Cabo 16, who was also arrested in both incidents," said Mejía. On 17 January, Martínez, who covered crime and security issues in Tijuana, was shot to death as he left his home on the city's southside. Six days later, another well-known Tijuana reporter, Lourdes Maldonado, was murdered outside her home. Two years earlier she had publicly told Mexico's President Andrés Manuel López Obrador she feared for her life.

SOURCE: 28 April 2022, [The San Diego Union-Tribune](#)

(U) South Korea – Two Arrested for Spying for North Korea

(U) Seoul – A South Korean army captain and a businessman have been arrested and indicted for allegedly stealing military secrets under the direction of a North Korean spy who lured them with cryptocurrency, Seoul officials said yesterday. Both have been formally charged with violating South Korea's anti-Pyongyang national security law, though authorities haven't established the whereabouts of the North Korean spy, police and prosecutors said. The army captain allegedly passed login information of a military-run computerized command and control system to the North Korean spy, the prosecutor's office said in a statement. Police said the captain received a cryptocurrency worth 48 million won (\$37,710) from the spy. The 38-year-old businessman, who runs a virtual asset management firm, allegedly gave the captain a wrist watch with a hidden camera to support his intelligence stealing, though he ended up using his smartphone, police said.

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